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HONOUR IS DUE TO MAN WHO SHOT DARLAN

(By Michael Foot.)

LONDON, DEC. 31. A THREE-YEAR-OLD WRONG TO A MURDERED MAN HAS BEEN RIGHTED THIS CHRISTMAS. SINCE THESE MATTERS ARE NOT USUALLY RECTIFIED SO SWIFTLY (IT TOOK THE CHURCH SEVERAL CENTURIES TO CANONISE JOAN OF ARC) IT IS PROPER THAT THE EVENT SHOULD BE CELEBRATED. A SPECIAL REVISION COURT HAS BEEN SITTING IN ALGIERS. IT HAS ANNULLED THE VERDICT PASS-ED ON CHRISTMAS DAY 1942 BY THE COURT MAR-TIAL WHICH CONDEMNED TO DEATH FERNAND BONNIER DE LA CHAPELLE, FOR THE ASSASSINA-TION OF ADMIRAL DARLAN.

After studying the evidence the court has decided that Darlan and not his assailant was the real traitor to France. Bonnier de la Chapelle, says the court, acted from the highest patriotic motives.

The dead man cannot be re-surrected. But his name can be honoured along with all those others of the resistance move-ments in Europe who gave their own lives to strike against their country's enemies.

Yet this is not the only reason why we should celebrate. The Darlan "incident" was no small event in the history of the war. It was one of the decisive turning points.

Now that the injustice has been remedied and a gross hypo-crisis exposed it is instructive to look back and consider what was due to this assassin.

News of Darlan's assassination reached this country on Christmas morning, 1942. So deep had been the revulsion at traffic with this traitor that there could have been few people in this country who did not rejoice.

NO PROTEST

Assassination is not a com-mendable political act in normal times. Yet none objected when shots were fired at Laval in Paris. None objected when Heydrich met his end in Prague. Why then should any complain at the removal of Darlan?

However Darlan's confeder-ates still controlled Algiers. They feared for their own skins. They would not waste a minute to allow the conscience of the world to smelt.

They acted swiftly. The Gestapo could not have gone to work more expeditiously. In little more than 24 hours the court was hustled together. Bonnier de la Chapelle was "tried" without having a chance of preparing his defence, and by the night of Christmas Day was dead. Even his name was suppressed by these "judges."

Next day a howl of indignation should have arisen for the free, democratic nations. It didn't come. The silence was largely organised by the Foreign Office and the Government.—Reuter.

SNAGS IN CHINA Truce Proposals Present Complex Problem

CHUNGKING, DEC. 31. SEVERAL SERIOUS SNAGS LIE IN THE PATH OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE COMMUNIST PROPOSAL FOR AN UNCONDITIONAL TRUCE WITH BOTH SIDES "FROZEN" AT THEIR PRESENT POSITIONS.

FIRST OF ALL GOVERNMENT QUARTERS HAVE MADE CLEAR THAT NO TRUCE COULD BE ACCEPTED IF IT WERE IN ANY WAY TO IMPEDE RESTORATION OF RAILROAD COMMUNICATIONS OR INTERFERE WITH THE DISARMAMENT AND REPATRIATION OF JAPANESE TROOPS.

Secondly, there are reliable in-dications that even if Govern-ment were to accept the propo-sal without qualification, the Communists will renew some of their previous claims such as a share in the disarmament of Ja-panese troops.

These and other factors make the problem complex instead of a simple one. Nevertheless, the Communist proposal which has been in Chiang Kai-shek's hands since Dec. 28 is being given serious consideration and gov-ernment's reply might be de-livered at the next formal meet-ing between representatives of the two sides who last conferred on Dec. 28.

There is practically no propo-sal of the unity conference opening on New Year's Day as proposed by the Communists. Most quarters think there is but little prospect of it meeting be-fore the second week of Janu-ary.

Although Government and Communist officials are the soul of cordiality itself when they meet socially as they often do, for example at the cocktail party, Foreign Minister Wang Shih-chieh gave Saturday night to General Marshall, mutual re- (Continued on Page 6)

MacA. Has A Kick

TOKYO, DEC. 31.—INFORMANTS TO-DAY SAID THAT GENERAL MACARTHUR'S CHIEF OBJECTION TO THE NEW CONTROL PLAN FOR JAPAN IS THE CREA-TION OF AN ALLIED COUN-CIL.

He said it will complicate the already difficult task of forcing the Japanese to conform with the provisions of the Potsdam agreement.

They said it was this objection to which General MacArthur re-ferred in a statement in which he said: "On Oct. 31 my final dis-agreement was contained in my radio to the Chief of Staff for relay to the Secretary of State advising that the terms, in my opinion were not acceptable."

These sources contended that the task of whipping Japan into line and forcing her to resubmit drastic changes in her governmen-tal structure and ideologies is difficult enough now when the Japanese are accustomed to taking orders from only one man. They maintained that should the Japanese get the impression that MacArthur's powers or authority have lessened it will not help but cause MacArthur to lose face in a coun-try where face is a matter of pri-mary concern.—Associated Press.

SEES STALIN

London, Dec. 31. Moscow Radio said yesterday that Stalin received General Chiang Kai-shek, elder son of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, upon his arrival in the Russian capital by plane as special envoy to his father. Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov also attended the meeting.—Associated Press.

GREEK ARMY

Athens, Dec. 31. The Greek General Staff today announced a new plan for a peace-time strength of the Greek Army at seven divisions totalling 100,000 men.—Associated Press.

Murder

Berlin, Dec. 31. Bodies of four murder vic-tims were found in the Ger-man capital yesterday. The victims were two Russians and two German civilians. One of the Russians was in a Red Army captain's uniform. Meanwhile, the Russian military police scoured the city for gunmen responsible for the slaying of two United States soldiers last week.—Associated Press.

Dawn Of A New Day

TOKYO, DEC. 31. GENERAL MACARTHUR, SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER, SAW THE NEW DAY DAWNING FOR NIPPON IN A NEW YEAR'S STATEMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN.

"No longer is the future to be settled by a few," he said. "The shackles of militarism of feudal-ism, of the regimentation of the body and soul have been removed. Thought control and abuse of education are no more. All now enjoy religious freedom and right of speech without undue restraint. Free assembly is guaranteed."

"The removal of this national enslavement means freedom for the people but at the same time it imposes upon them individual duty to think and act each on his own initiative. It is necessary for the masses of Japan to awaken to the fact that they now have the power to govern and what is done must be done by themselves. It is my hope that the New Year may be the beginning for them of 'the way and the truth and the light.'—Associated Press.

Weather Report

To-day's forecast:—Fresh easterly winds, cloudy; rather cold. Yesterday's temperature:—Minimum:—59 degrees at 7 a.m. Maximum:—68 degrees at Noon.

Japanese Laughed While Prisoner Went Mad

YOKOHAMA, DEC. 31. A CHARGE THAT THE JAPANESE COMMANDER OF THE KAMIOKA PRISONER OF WAR CAMP STOOD LAUGHING IN HIS OFFICE WINDOW WHILE AN AMERICAN ARMY PRIVATE WAS MERCILESSLY BEATEN UNTIL HE LOST HIS SANITY WAS MADE AT THE JAPANESE OFFICER'S TRIAL TO-DAY AS A WAR CRIMINAL.

The testimony against Lieu-tenant Chotaro Furushima was given in an affidavit of Lieu-tenant Herman Thounissen of Java, a Dutch officer. He said he was an eye witness to the brutal beating of Private Robert Robinson.

"He was clubbed senseless for smuggling in food. He was re-ceived each time and the treat-ment continued. We were forced to watch as the Japan-ese stood by laughing. He was beaten so much that he finally went out of his mind."

"Furushima looked out of his office window and laughed at the affair."

After that, he said, Robinson was subjected to a horrible water treatment in which a hose

UNFORGETTABLE YEAR IN 1945

THE DROPPING OF THE ATOMIC BOMB, THE END OF WORLD WAR NO. 2 AND THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WERE THE BIGGEST NEWS STORIES OF 1945, ACCORDING TO A SURVEY OF ASSOCIATED PRESS NEWSPAPER EDITORS.

THESE THREE STORIES WERE OUTSTANDING IN A YEAR CROWDED WITH MANY TREMENDOUS EVENTS WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION. THE YEAR WAS PACKED WITH NEWS HISTORY ONE CAN NEVER FORGET.

The Associated Press editors, answering a poll, have selected the following epochal incidents as the ten biggest news stories of the year:

1. The atomic age opens—August 6, 1945. A stunned and hardly understanding world heard from President Truman the story of "the most terrible and destructive force ever harnessed by man, atomic energy."

2. Japan surrenders—August 15, 1945. The second world war, history's greatest flood of death and destruction came to an end with Japan's uncondi-tional surrender, surprising only because of the rapidly with which Japan folded up after the Nazi collapse.

3. Germany collapses—May 7, 1945—and Hitler—Hitler and the nation that shepherded followed him went down to utter and devastating defeat. Hitler, a broken and gibbering wreck of a man, is presumed to have died in his Chancellery, his body destroyed by fire.

4. A chief dies—April 12, 1945. "I have a terrible headache," President Roosevelt said. "My minutes later the Commander-in-Chief in Ameri-ca's greatest war was dead."

5. Labour strike in a post-war world. The end of the war brought attention to the con-tinuing problems facing labour and management.

6. The United Nations set up headquarters in April. Pencil-loving nations met at San Fran-cisco to set up an organization by which they hope to maintain a global accord forever.

7. Britain swings to the left—July 26, 1945. Came vic-tory and British voters re-elec-ted Churchill and his party to a task sent as the Labour Gov-ernment took over.

8. Spotlight on Pearl Har-bour. With the end of the war came investigation and Pearl Har-bour was more in the news than ever.

9. Nazi top criminals go on trial—November 20, 1945. An International Military Tribunal brought the Nazi leaders to book in the final chapter of their story of murder, plunder, horror and torture.

The order which affects all schools in Japan implemented the recent abolition of State Shinto. It specified that the courses of Japanese history, geography and morals will be suspended until Headquarters approves their resumption.

Brigadier-General Ken R. Dyke, head of Allied Headquar-ters Information and Education Section, said that these courses are so thoroughly loaded with nationalistic teachings that a complete renovation is essential. He said the directive did not result in any Japanese dilatori-ness in educational house-clean-ing but was intended as "an im-plementation of the directive" providing details for the pre-vious generalised renovation instructions.

The Education Ministry has been instructed to prepare sub-stitute courses and to submit plans for writing new textbooks covering suspended subjects.

"These temporary books will be ready for the Spring school term in 1946."

The confiscated text-books will be destroyed. The pulp fr-om them will be used for printing new books from which objec-tionable teachings will be eliminated.

The order also suspended the still effective war-time laws and regulations on methods of teach-ing these subjects.—Associated Press.

New Year Holiday

Today being New Year's Day, the office of the "China Mail" will be closed. There will be no paper to-morrow. Publication will be resumed on the morning of January 3.

Dutch Marines Arrive Off Batavia

BATAVIA, DEC. 31. BRITISH OFFICIALS AN-NOUNCED SUNDAY THAT 2,000 AMERICAN-TRAINED DUTCH MARINES HAD AR-RIVED OFF THIS CAPITAL OF TROUBLED JAVA AND PROBABLY WOULD DISEM-BARK WITHIN A FEW DAYS.

The troops were said to be fully equipped with American equip-ment. They were recruited mainly in southern Holland and are considered among the finest in the Netherlands.

The British said they informed Indonesian leaders the Dutch marines would help enforce order, although the unrecognized Indone-sian government agreed Friday to cooperate with the British in restoring order, provided no fur-ther Dutch troops were brought in.

However, Premier Sutan Sja-hrir, unable to attend a cabinet meeting which presumably was for discussion of the landings, told the Associated Press the land-ing was agreed upon long ago.—Associated Press.

Bomb Explodes In Cafe

MANILA, DEC. 31. SMOULDERING ENMITIES BLAZED BETWEEN CHINESE GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS AND COMMUNISTS IN MANILA'S LARGE CHINESE COM-MUNITY WHEN A BOMB WRAPPED AS A HOLIDAY PACKAGE EXPLODED IN A DOWN-TOWN CAFE, KILLING THE FILIPINO CASHIER, LYDIA MERCADO, AND INJUR-ING TWO OTHER PERSONS.

The cafe-owner, N. G. Young, said he received a note a week ago saying, "You are a well known Chinese Nationalist, but even so you are still employing many Communists. So we invite your attention to your duty."

"Remove all Communists from your restaurant. Otherwise we shall be compelled to send you a clock in a couple of days," Asso-ciated Press.

JUST A FAMILY AFFAIR!

ROME, DEC. 31. DORA CAMUSSO, OF THE VILLAGE OF PARA SABINA, NEAR ROME, SOLD SOME CATTLE FOR 180,000 LIRE.

Bandits are many in Italy, and she worried about taking so much money home at night. So she stopped at her brother's house and asked him to go with her.

He was too busy, he said, but gave her a pistol.

On the way she met two vil-lagers, who examined the weapon, found it unloaded and gave her two cartridges.

A little farther on she met two masked men "who demanded money. She fired twice, killing both. Then she went over to the bodies and lifted the masks.

The men were her brother and first cousin.—Associated Press.

HOLLYWOOD JITTERY

Hollywood, Dec. 31. Hollywood citizens gazed at a parachute floating down to earth. Other citizens saw a man with a parachute hanging from a tree.

"Must be a Jap. Let's get him," shouted some near the tree. Another started shooting at the man parachuting down.

It took a long time to explain to the people that now the war is over the famous Hollywood "stunts" are coming back again.

Now the police are looking for the citizen who started the shoot-ing.—Associated Press.

LORD KEYES DEAD

The Board of the Admiralty re-ports to announce the death of Admiral of the Fleet Lord Keyes, G.C.B., K.C.V.O., C.N.G., D.S.O.

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The New Year

Ring out the Old Year, ring in the New! How many of us paused in echoing the old formula, to question the depth of our enthusiasm? The year that has just worn itself to a close, 1945 was a signal year in history. For millions it brought rejoicing that seldom before in their lifetime could have come so deeply from the heart. In June, the curse of Hitler was lifted from the brow of mankind. German military strength was ground into fragments, and utterly destroyed. Within a few short weeks, Japan was brought as completely to her knees as a victory which in its final stages was marvellously swift. The torrents of blood thus ceased to flow and men and women wrenched apart by the cataclysm could at last look forward with certainty to reunion and to peace of mind and harmony again. A new start and a new hope, even though it might be in a world devastated beyond the imagination of previous generations. Nothing is more certain, however, than that the heavy task still lies ahead, and that 1946 offers tremendous challenges. Unless we are mentally and spiritually prepared to face up to these challenges, ready with the pre-requisites, the vision and the purpose and the faith, can we take our enthusiasm on 1946? It is humanity's great task to prove itself worthy of its material achievements. Only if we can confidently believe that the tremendous opportunity will not be thrown awayboard, only if we can believe that the spirit of universal brotherhood will at last assert itself upon the earth can we freely rejoice at this season. Evil forces in the world are shattered in the havoc that they wrought. From the ruins, it is our task to build the brave new world. If 1946 sees substantial progress towards that end, then, indeed, it will be a Happy New Year.

Honours List

In accordance with custom at New Year, the King has conferred a number of high honours on men who have rendered distinguished service to the Empire. The four outstanding chiefs of the fighting services, Field Marshal Lord Alanbrooke, Field Marshal Lord Montgomery, Admiral of the Fleet Lord Cunningham and Air Chief Marshal Lord Portal, whose close collaboration ranks as the finest achievement of teamwork in British military history, are elevated to Viscountcies. Barones are conferred on Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser, who is now in Hong Kong as C-in-C. British Pacific Fleet, Sir Arthur Tedder, who was Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's Deputy, Admiral of the Fleet Sir John Tovey and General Sir Henry Maitland-Wilson. For us, however, chief interest in the list is aroused by the inclusion of the name of Brigadier D. M. MacDougall, Chief Civil Affairs Officer, who has been awarded the C.M.G. in a Colony which is inclined in normal times to take a somewhat cynical view of the distribution of honours in the ranks of the Civil Service and as rewards for fidelity to the administration, it will be instantly recognised that here is a distinction that has been richly earned. Probably no single individual has contributed more towards the rehabilitation of the Colony than Brigadier MacDougall, who has the happy knack of gaining the confidence of all sections of the community and, which is better, fostering their confidence in one another. It has called for sagacity and foresight, understanding and sympathy, and an untiring quest for ways of surmounting every successive difficulty that has arisen. In this, Brigadier MacDougall has laboured unceasingly in the Colony's true interests and congratulations on the honour which now comes his way will be unhesitating and unstinted.

Gallant End Of H.K.V.D.C. Private

A story of outstanding courage by Pte. G. C. Jitts, a member of the H.K.V.D.C. during 1941 is told in a letter to his widow, Mrs. S. O. Jitts, of Shanghai, by his commanding officer. The letter reads:

"In the fighting after the enemy landed on the island, he was one of a party under Lt. Field holding two pillboxes on the slope above Wongwaning Gap. The defence of the pillboxes was a most magnificent effort; the defenders, though isolated, surrounded and outnumbered by a hundred to one, held the position for nearly twelve hours and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. Subsequently I sent the following report to Brigadier Rose:

"I wish to bring to your notice the conduct of Private Jitts G. C. during the fighting on December 19th 1941. Pte. Jitts displayed the greatest courage and coolness during the defence of the pillboxes. On one occasion when a party of the enemy had moved up under cover of the darkness to within grenade range of the pillbox, Pte. Jitts went out with a submachine gun and rushed their position, destroying the whole party. He was hit twice during this operation. Later, when Lt. Field sent away his walking wounded, Pte. Jitts refused to go, stating that he would not assist in getting down the hill and would be an embarrassment to the others. He therefore remained and met his death when the Japanese finally took the position. Pte. Jitts' conduct during the defence is held on for a longer period and thus delayed the enemy's attack on the Gap. I wish to recommend him."

H.K.V.D.C. Pay

Orders by Lt. Col. E. J. R. Mitchell, O.B.E., E.D., Commanding H.K.V.D.C.

Order No. 83: 1. Pay Advances. Thursday, Jan. 3, 1946, 1000 to 1200 hours. (a) Demobilised personnel who have registered, but have not yet drawn one month's pay. (b) Personnel released from P.O.W. Camps by Japanese and who have not yet been paid. (c) Wives only of mobilised personnel registered outside Hong Kong. (d) Wives only of killed and (M) B.K.

2. Holiday. Volunteer H.Q. will be closed on New Year's Day.

Vandals

Sir,—A visit to the Peak on the last day of the year has quite convinced me that the task of re-converting this residential district into a suburb of what it once was is daily assuming more Herculean proportions.

The houses there are undergoing a process of systematic looting. Of woodwork, there is now very little to be seen. Window panes, where not broken, are being systematically and neatly removed.

There are some caretakers in evidence. At the War Memorial Hospital, while I was enquiring one in conversation, his attention was attracted by a sound of breaking glass and he rushed into the building, returning after a considerable period with a complaint

SIR KEITH PARK OPENS R.A.F. CLUB

"I WILL NOW PIPE DOWN AND DECLARE THIS CLUB OPEN." WITH THESE WORKED AIR MARSHAL SIR KEITH PARK, ALLIED AIR OFFICER COMMANDING-IN-CHIEF, SOUTH-EAST ASIA, OFFICIALLY OPENED THE R.A.F.'S LATEST AMENITY, THE LADY PARK RECREATION CLUB, FORMERLY THE RITZ, AT NORTH POINT LAST NIGHT.

There was a large and distinguished gathering. Among those present were His Excellency Sir Cecil Harcourt, Commander-in-Chief Hong Kong, Maj. Gen. F. W. Festing, G.O.C. Air Officer Commanding, W. C. Brook.

Before declaring the club open Sir Keith apologised for the absence of Lady Park due to indisposition. He said that she asked to send her best wishes to everybody for 1946.

"I am most impressed by the progress that has been made on the island and in Kowloon since I was last here. I would like to congratulate Admiral Harcourt and his team on the magnificent job of work they have done during the last two months," said Sir Keith.

Referring to the Lady Park Recreation Club he said that the last time he was here the place was a shambles. "I was shown round," continued Sir Keith, "by a certain enthusiastic wing commander who seemed to me to be very optimistic and I did not think it possible. Looking round now I see a really fine club and I congratulate all those who have been responsible for the organisation and work of the club."

"WIDE OPEN"

Sir Keith paid a tribute to the work of Wing Commander Lambert and Wing Commander Alberry and P.O. Lashbrook who have been responsible, he said, for the day-to-day work.

"I will now pipe down and declare the club wide open," Wing Commander Alberry thanked the A.O.C. in C. for coming from Singapore to open the club in the course of his tour of the Colony.

After Sir Keith had declared the club open five Chinese boys marched up in formation and presented a beautiful ceremonial box with a rosette in the R.A.F. colours, to Sir Keith for Lady Park.

CIVILIAN GUESTS

The club is essentially for the use of N.A.C.U.s and other ranks of the Royal Air Force and the committee, with Wing Commander A. W. Alberry, M.B.E., as president, and who will act in an advisory capacity, is composed of Col. F. W. Stirling, I.A.C. H. W.

Readers' Letters

Chinese In Japan

Sir,—My husband arrived here a week ago on business with important matters to deal with. He is anxious to make known his desire to help those who have families or relatives still living in Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, Nagasaki and Nankai all leading cities of Japan.

He has been confidentially informed that several thousands of Chinese in Japan are badly in need of relief and immediate attention as to clothing, housing, etc. During the years of war, both at home and abroad, no news has been heard about them or their welfare. It is necessary to take up this serious matter as soon as possible with the Chinese authorities, for many would like to know where and how their near and dear ones are getting on in the occupied areas in Japan. Xmas has passed, but we must not forget those unfortunate victims still hoping anxiously for supplies and/or words from home, so that they can decide what to do. My husband returned to China some twelve years ago, but was once engaged in the Kobe Chinese Benevolent Society as Hon. Secretary, and has taken up this matter with his legal advisor to make the necessary arrangements in Canton a fortnight ago.

Those anxious to get into touch with my husband can come to Room 405, Great Eastern Hotel, anytime before 9.30 a.m. in the morning, until January 6.

MRS. TSANG KWOK-WAH.

Looting Legacy

Sir,—Your reminder to the authorities to cease their excessive benevolence towards looters is very timely, in fact long overdue. Looting has been worse since the "liberation" than during the Japanese occupation, I should think. And it still goes on unchecked.

Several houses on the Peak which were relatively all right in early September, have since been reduced to the shambles of the rest of place.

An elderly tree-trunk thief, on every occasion I visit Blue Pool Road, I have seen scores of coolies carrying down trees (entire trunks) branches, etc. They wander into town and through the streets with apparently perfect impunity.

At the top of Blue Pool Road, there are vendors of food and sweetmeats and tea to refresh them after their arduous labours in hacking down all our trees. You should have seen the streams on Boxing Day.

Some people tell me that the wood is being taken by coolies employed by the Forestry Department, acting under Government orders, but I cannot believe it. It is all official woodcarrying from the Deep Water Bay dump. If so, why do so many of them come from the Tsim Sha Tsui area?

The police, I know, are badly understaffed, but what are the naval patrols doing?

What a disordered world of clock standards this is.

False Evidence Given

AN ADMISSION THAT PART OF HIS EVIDENCE AT THE FIRST HEARING WAS NOT TRUE, WAS MADE BY A WITNESS IN THE COURSE OF THE RESUMED HEARING BEFORE THE STANDING MILITARY COURT YESTERDAY OF THE CASE IN WHICH EIGHT CLANSMEN WERE CHARGED WITH ARMED ROBBERY AND DEMANDING MONEY WITH MENACES.

The Court comprised Mr. Leo d'Almeida (President), Mr. Horace Lo and Capt. I. M. Lightbody. Mr. R. E. Smith, assisted by Sub-Inspector Pockson prosecuted. Lieut. J. M. Jump is for the defence of all the accused.

The accused, Chan Kwong, Chan Ming, Lo Man-so, Yuen Ngau and Chan Kui, were alleged to have robbed Lo Yung while armed with a dagger of H.K.\$10.00 and a wrist watch and Lo Tang of C.N.\$800. They were also charged with demanding money with menaces, from Lo Yung; the sum of H.K.\$1,500.

The other three accused, Lo Po, Lo Chan and Lo Hung-chai, were charged with aiding and abetting the first five accused on the count of demanding.

Just Nips

Tokyo, Dec. 31.
All Japanese cars and trucks went wild in the small town of Oita, Japan, recently when all Jap vehicles dashed through the crowded streets at no less than 35 miles an hour.

It seems the Army road sign, "Speed Limit 30 miles per hour" was misinterpreted by Japanese drivers.—Associated Press.

Neglect Of Duty

Chan Kin who was charged before Lt. Nigel at Kowloon yesterday with the unlawful possession of a revolver and 10 rounds of ammunition, was one of the three men who escaped from the remand cells at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court on December 28. He was re-arrested next day.

The accused, who claimed to be a Chinese quarilla, was originally arrested on December 14 at the Victoria Theatre, Kowloon, with the loaded pistol in his pocket. He said he had been sent down by his superiors to investigate into the activities of people who had worked with the Japanese, but could produce no evidence.

For the possession of arms, he was sentenced to two years' hard labour and for the lack-break, a further year's hard labour.

Oh! He, who also escaped that day pleaded guilty asked for immediate sentence. He was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment with hard labour. He will appear again in the General Court, Hong Kong, on January 10, to face a charge of armed robbery.

Two police constables who were responsible for the safe custody of prisoners in the remand cells, were brought before Lt. Nigel for neglect of duty and were each fined \$50. Inspector Tyler prosecuted.

Can Rent Collector Bring An Action?

THE QUESTION WHETHER A RENT COLLECTOR HAD THE POWER TO INSTITUTE ACTION AGAINST A TENANT WAS BROUGHT UP BEFORE THE TENANCY TRIBUNAL YESTERDAY IN AN APPLICATION FOR EVICTION BROUGHT BY NG LIT-WING AGAINST PUN CHAK-MAN OF THE GROUND FLOOR OF NO. 99 JERVOIS STREET.

The opponent was represented by Mr. Peter H. Sin and a hearing of the application was before a tribunal comprising Messrs. Thomas Tam, R. A. Silva and N. C. Dantoor.

Ng Lit-wing testified that in 1942 premises were occupied by the Hop Chan boarding house. When the Hop Chan closed, the premises were taken by a man named Li who described himself as a firewood distributor for Government. In April or May this year the opponent moved into the premises without his consent.

Under cross-examination by Mr. Sin applicant said he was a rent collector. He had power of attorney but had lost it in removal.

Mr. Sin then submitted that on the admission of the applicant himself he was only the rent collector and as such had no implied authority to issue a new tenancy nor had he authority to give notice to quit.

Following legal submission by Mr. Sin the tribunal decided to proceed with hearing of the application.

At the end of applicant's evidence the chairman told the applicant that, in the opinion of the tribunal, he had failed to make out a good case for the return of the premises.

The chairman suggested that justice would be done if an increase of \$5 be given by the tenant to cover possible loss in rent to applicant.

An order was made out by the tribunal to the effect that the application be refused upon opponent agreeing to pay rents of \$170 per month from October.

Naval Revue At Fleet Club

The Ship's Company of H.M.S. Arkonaut bowed to the old year with a naval revue, "Pacific Merry-Go-Round," at the China Fleet Club last night. The entertainment was in aid of Club funds.

The show was a lengthy variety piece, highlighted by an excellent harmonica band and some good sketches. It was written and produced by Owen Murphy and Tommy Lee.

Among those who took part were Ken Lambert, Bill Dunk, Pincher Martin, Ken Long, Allyn Corbett, Stan Hopkinson, Happy O'Day, Frank Carrick, George Kerr, Tom Bartlett, William Swinhow, Johnny Wood and Bernard Blackburn.

Accompanists were George Wiley (Singing Bass), Hector Munro (Piano) and Marmaduke Hayden (Drums).

The admission of having given false evidence was made by Lo Tang, one of the two complainants in the case. In answer to questions by Mr. Smith, witness admitted that part of the evidence that he gave at the previous hearing was not true.

It will be recalled that Lo Yung, the victim of the robbery, returned from the country on Nov. 26 and on the same evening following a dinner with some clansman was robbed by the first accused in a side lane off Eastern Street. After robbing Lo Yung the five accused were alleged to have demanded \$1,500.

Further evidence was called by the prosecution yesterday following which hearing was adjourned to Jan. 7 at 10 a.m.

Awards For Hong Kong In Honours List

ADMIRAL SIR BRUCE FRASER, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE BRITISH PACIFIC FLEET, AND BRIGADIER DAVID MERCER MACDOUGALL, HONG KONG'S CHIEF CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER, HAVE BEEN AWARDED HONOURS BY THE KING, IN THE NEW YEAR HONOURS LIST.

The Commander-in-Chief has been raised to the peerage as a Baron. Admiral Fraser is 57 and has been in the Royal Navy for 42 years. Before his appointment as Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Fleet in November, 1944, Admiral Fraser was in charge of the Home Fleet, and responsible for hunting out and sinking the German pocket-battleship "Scharnhorst." When the Japanese surrendered came, he was ordered by His Majesty to sign the surrender instrument on behalf of the United Kingdom.

Brigadier MacDougall has been made a Companion of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George. The Brigadier was born in 1894 and was appointed Cadet Officer to the Hong Kong Government in 1920. He escaped from Hong Kong on the day of the Colony's surrender and returned as the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

Another Hong Kong resident, Mr. A. W. Brown, Manager of Lane Crawford, has been awarded the O.B.E.

CONSULS HONOURED
The British Consul-General in Shanghai, Mr. A. G. N. Ogden, has been awarded the C.M.G., while the C.B.E. has been awarded to the British Consul-General in Canton, Mr. Donald Hall.

Sir Horace Seymour, British Ambassador to China since 1942, becomes Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath.

Field Marshal Alanbrooke, Field Marshal Montgomery, Air Chief Marshal Portal and Admiral of the Fleet Cunningham become Viscounts. Peerages are conferred on Sir Arthur Tedder, Deputy Supreme Allied Commander; Admiral of the Fleet Sir John Tovey and General Sir Henry Maitland-Wilson.

Admiral Sir James Somerville, Commander-in-Chief of the Eastern Fleet, is made Knight Grand

Cross of the Order of the British Empire.

A Knighthood has been awarded to Donald Coleman Bailey, inventor of the famous "Bailey Bridge."

Mr. OLEBOHILL, O.M., Mr. Winston Churchill, who declined Britain's highest honour, the Order of the Garter, at the time of the dissolution of the Coalition Government, receives the Order of Merit. Mr. John Beasley, Australian Minister of Defence; Mr. James Lorimer, Canadian Finance Minister; Mr. Walter Nash, New Zealand Minister of Finance, and Mr. William Jordan, New Zealand's High Commissioner in Britain, are made Privy Counsellors.

Lady Louis Mountbatten, wife of the Allied Supreme Commander in South-East Asia, has been made Dame Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

Two newspaper men figure in the Honours List. They are Baron Southwood, proprietor of the "Daily Press," which produces the "Daily Herald," and Mr. William John Haley, former "Manchester Guardian" editor and now Director-General of the British Broadcasting Corporation, who is given a Knighthood.

Several of Britain's atomic energy experts are honoured—Mr. William Akers, receives a Knighthood, and Dr. Rudolf Peierls and Dr. Frank Simon, receive the C.B.E.

The Honours List does not complete the list of awards to Britain's fighting heroes as some of these, more particularly those concerned with the war in the Far East, will be released in the King's Birthday List next July.—Reuter.

The forthcoming marriage between Mr. Alex Shu Chih Wu, head of the Distribution Department of the U.S. Information Service in Canton, and Miss Ida Chien Ching Tan, of No. 89, Queen's Road West, is announced.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG.

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Medical Branch

MIDWIVES

The following extract from the Midwives Ordinance No. 22 of 1910 is published for information.

"8. Every certified woman, not already enrolled, who desires to practice or to be authorised to practice in the colony shall, before holding herself out as a practising midwife or commencing to practise as a midwife, give notice in writing to the Secretary, Midwives Board, applying for admission to the roll and shall pay an enrolment fee of five dollars.

Every certified and enrolled woman who desires her name to be retained on the roll of its next annual publication shall give notice of such desire in writing to the Secretary in the month of January and shall pay a retention fee of one dollar.

Every such notice shall contain such particulars as may be required by the regulations to secure the identification of the person giving it; and every woman who omits to give any of the said notices, or knowingly or wilfully makes or causes or procures any other person to make any false statement in any such notice, shall upon summary conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding fifty dollars."

The retention fee should be paid to the Secretary, Midwives Board, on Mondays or Wednesdays at 2.4 p.m. in the Post Office Building, 3rd Floor, before the end of January, 1946. Failing to pay the said retention fee, the midwife's name shall be excluded from the roll.

WARNING

On and after 1st February, 1946, the provision of the Midwives Ordinance No. 22 of 1910, will be rigidly enforced and proceedings will be taken against all persons acting in contravention of the provisions of that Ordinance.

J. P. FEHILLY, Col.
D.D.M.S. (C.A.)
Hong Kong,
31st December, 1945.

Medical Branch

WARNING

On and after 1st February, 1946, the provisions of the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance No. 8 of 1937 will be rigidly enforced and proceedings will be taken against all persons acting in contravention of the provisions of that Ordinance.

Registered Pharmacists

The attention of registered pharmacists is drawn to the requirements of the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance, 1937, in respect of the retention of their names on the register.

Wholesale Dealers

The following extract from the Poisons Regulation is published for information. "No persons shall sell or supply, by way of wholesale dealing any substance or article consisting of or containing any poison unless he is licensed in that behalf by the Registrar."

Listed Sellers

The attention of Listed Sellers of Part II Poisons is drawn to the requirements of the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance, 1937, in respect of the retention of their names on the Registrar's List, kept in pursuance of Section 22 of that Ordinance.

Registered Premises

Under Section 14 of the aforesaid Ordinance, every authorised seller of poisons should cause all the acts of premises where his business, so far as it comprises the retail sale of drugs, is being carried on to be registered. Those authorised sellers of poisons whose premises have already been registered should apply for the retention of such premises on the register.

Application forms for retention on the registers, the names of Registered Pharmacists, Listed Sellers and Registered Premises and for Wholesale Dealers licences are to be obtained from the Chief Clerk, Civil Affairs Medical Branch, at Hong Kong, 8th Shanghai Bank Building, 1st floor.

J. P. FEHILLY, Col.
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Hong Kong,
31st December, 1945.

CLAIM OF HAREM HEIRS

Fight For Abdul The Damned's Wealth

Kept Quiet On Murder For 17 Years

FOR 17 YEARS 37 YEAR OLD EMILE JOSEPH GAULTIER, OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, GUARDED THE SECRET OF A MURDER OF WHICH IT IS ALLEGED HE WAS A WITNESS. HAUNTED BY MEMORIES AND DRIVEN BY FEAR, HE ROAMED THE COUNTRY, NEVER LIVING OR WORKING IN ANY ONE TOWN LONG.

Finally, cracking under the strain, he went to the provincial police and, as a result of what he told them, he is being held, together with a former farmhand, Albert J. Gault, aged 40, of Montreal, accused of murdering Mike Piskowski, a harvest worker, near Shastakoon in 1929.

Piskowski was found dead beside the railway track a mile and a half outside the town with two gaping bullet wounds in the back of his head.

Gaultier insists he had nothing to do with the murder, but the police claim that his own statement involves him as an accomplice. He is alleged to have said: "I saw the killing with my own eyes."

Gaultier was picked up by the Mounties on Gaultier's information. He has been living quietly for the past few years with his son, recently discharged from the R.C.A.F.

The police say the motive for the murder was robbery and who ever killed Piskowski still has pockets of 400 dollars.

Fantastic Sums At Stake

LONDON, DEC. 31. WHEN ABDUL HAMID, OR ABDUL THE DAMNED, SULTAN OF TURKEY, WAS DRAGGED FROM HIS LUXURY PALACE IN ISTANBUL—THEN CALLED CONSTANTINOPLE—TO DIE IN PRISON CELL, HE LEFT BEHIND HIM A MIDDLE OF A NASTY WEALTH TO BE DIVIDED BETWEEN FOUR WIVES AND 200 CONCUBINES.

NOW, IN JERUSALEM, TWENTY-ONE OF HIS HAREM DESCENDANTS WILL FIGHT A NEW ROUND IN THE LEGAL BATTLE, WHICH HAS ALREADY LASTED A QUARTER OF A CENTURY, FOR THE SULTAN'S \$100,000,000 WORTH OF POSSESSIONS IN THE HOLY LAND.

If they win their case, one-seventh of the total area of Palestine will pass into their hands, including a quarter of the town of Jaffa and large tracts of land in the Jericho and Gaza districts. Much of the territory has been colonized by Jewish farm settlers.

Principal claimants for the fortune are four sons and five daughters of the late Prince Selim, son of the Sultan.

Shortly after Abdul Hamid's death, many of the territories in which his rich estates lay were ceded by Turkey under the Lausanne Treaty. Among them was a wide area of Palestine in Palestine passed to the British Government under the terms of the Mandate.

DECISION REVERSED

The Sultan's heirs immediately staked their claim. They won the first round by getting a decision in the Jaffa Land Court.

On appeal, the decision was reversed on a technical point. Now the Judicial Committee of the Bri-

U.S. Navy Will Take Its Bitter Pill

Washington, Dec. 31. The Navy Department, bitter opponent of the armed forces merger, will help draft the Bill to bring its unification about. Senator Albert Thomas, Democrat of Utah, explained to newsmen that it was only to be expected the Navy would go along with the recommendations of the President as its Commander-in-Chief.

Truman has asked that the services be placed under a single civilian Secretary.

Thomas, who is Chairman of the Senate Military Committee, said his group will have ready a Bill embodying the President's recommendations when Congress re-assembles on Jan. 14.

Rear-Admiral Arthur Radford will represent the Navy while Major-General Lauris Norstad will represent the Army. They will work with Thomas and Senators Hill, Democrat of Alabama, and Austin, Republican of Vermont, to shape up the measure.

The chairman has been over-

riding the draft during the holiday recess with the help of Congressional legislative experts for use as the basis of the Administration Bill. Associated Press.

SEAC SCHEME FOR ARMY EDUCATION

TERM TIME HAS BEGUN AT SINGAPORE'S FORCES' COLLEGE AT THE BULLOCK SOCIETY BUILDING IN ARME- NIAN STREET. FORTY STUDENTS FROM THE SERVICES ARE STUDYING FOR THE FORCES' PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION WHICH WILL BE HELD IN FEBRUARY AND A NUMBER OF OTHER PART- TIME STUDENTS HAVE TAKEN UP TECHNICAL AND COMMERCIAL TRAINING.

THE COLLEGE AIMS TO COVER SO LARGE A CURRICULUM THAT THE HEAD, CAPT. IAN DURHAM, HOPES TO GET A NEW "HOUSE" AND AN ENLARGED STAFF OF TUTORS. THE RANGE OF SUBJECTS IS WIDE.

Six ordination candidates are learning Greek from a chaplain; additional maths is taught by a Paratroop private.

Singapore's College is only part of the Army's educational scheme for S.E. Asia, under the direction of Col. G. Fisher. Alfons's Chief Education Officer.

A school for training instructors has been opened in Burma and a second is to open in Malaya. Many handbooks and the first consularments of library books have arrived. A further 50,000 text books are on the way from U.K. some by air. They will be issued to units on indent.

Addressing a meeting of Singapore's branch of the Service Arts and Technical Organization, Col. Fisher said: The War Office scheme of Army education for British troops during the release period will provide a minimum of six hours education a week—two hours for citizenship and current affairs and four or more hours for subjects selected by the men themselves.

Classes will be organized in those subjects for which there is an adequate demand and an adequate supply of instructors. The largest demand will be for courses which assist the soldier to prepare himself for a job.

THE DIFFERENCE It is important to distinguish between vocational training which will be available in Ministry of Labour courses after release and the vocational training which will be provided in the Army. Vocational training is training for a specific trade.

The student must first be selected as suitable, is expected to attain a certain standard after which he is guaranteed a job. For the serving soldier the Army will be training for a group of related trades to prepare him for the more specialized vocational training in Ministry of Labour courses. There will also be refresher courses for qualified tradesmen in the Army scheme.

NEW Mayor Of Mukden

PEIJING, Dec. 31. A Chinese-appointed mayor has arrived in Mukden and has been installed over the administration in the name of the Chinese National Government.

Chang Chun reports said Mayor Liao Wan Chih is being assisted by Kuang Hsien, a Nationalist, who has entered the city, but headquarters of the Kuomintang is in the northeast and Kuomintang authorities have not yet been established in Mukden.

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

Washington, Dec. 31. The White House announced that President Truman has accepted the resignation of Vice-Adm. Howard L. Vickery, a chairman of the Maritime Commission. Vickery, who had an important role in developing the nation's war-time shipping programme, asked to be relieved because of ill health.

Reliefs For U.S. Marines

Washington, Dec. 31. Brig-Gen. Gerald Thomas, director of the Marine Corps plans division, said in a radio interview last night that more than 10,000 high-point Marine veterans now stationed in China will be returned to the United States early in 1946.

Addressing his remarks to the first and sixth divisions in North China, General Thomas said: "We have already sent 10,000 new men out to replace you and the first draft of 1,000 should be arriving by now and two drafts of 5,000 and 4,000 respectively are rapidly nearing China." Associated Press.

MOSLEM VERDICT

Bombay, Dec. 31. Mahomed Ali Jinnah, president of the Moslem League, said the results of the assembly elections constituted "a clear verdict of Moslem India in favour of Pakistan." He declared that official returns showed the Moslem League candidates won all 30 Moslem seats which were contested.

The Moslem League demands that the provinces of provinces where the Moslems are in the majority be divorced from Hindu provinces and recognised as independent and sovereign units. The congress-party contends this would weaken India's cause in the fight for independence. Associated Press.

SHUTTLE SERVICE

Tokyo, Dec. 31. Material reduction in the number of landing ship tanks which have been shuttling between China, Sasebo and Korea was announced by Allied Headquarters today. For the time being approximately 30 vessels will remain on-shore. This material will reduce the number of Koreans that can be outlanded at Sasebo for Korea. Allied Headquarters said.

Action will be taken to reduce the number of Koreans being outlanded at Sasebo, for repatriation to Korea, by 30 per cent in order to avoid congestion. Associated Press.

Dynamite

Nürnberg, Dec. 31. American army intelligence officers in Germany, Austria and Italy have reported that a far-flung shadow network for Nazis named in Adolf Hitler's last testament, which officers described as "political dynamite."

Discovery of the document, along with Hitler's certificate of marriage to Eva Braun, was announced yesterday, but officials said the text of the political will would be kept secret during the current inquiry. Associated Press.

STILL THINK JAPAN WON THE WAR!

PORTLAND, DEC. 31. SCORES OF JAPANESE ARE BEING REPATRIATED TO DAY ON THE U.S.S. "GENERAL W. H. CORTON." CONVINCED THAT JAPAN WON THE WAR AND THAT THEIR REPATRIATION WAS PART OF THE PEACE TERMS.

Kanhiro Yoshida said that the majority of these people really think that Japan has won the war. They think what they read in the papers is just propaganda but we know better. We had letters from Japan.

An immigration officer said that older Japanese who believed that Japan had won the war were "pretty arrogant." Associated Press.

Freedom Of Press

Washington, Dec. 31. American delegates to the United Nations Organization have been instructed by the State Department to push for prompt study of means for the promotion of international freedom of the press.

Government officials have disclosed that the delegation will urge the commission under the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly to tackle the question. Associated Press.

MACA'S GREETINGS

Tokyo, Dec. 31. General MacArthur, in his New Year's Message to the Filipino people sent his "enduring affection" and assurances that they will not fail to meet the challenge of the future. Associated Press.

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THE LATE PRESIDENT WAS AN ARDENT COLLECTOR SINCE HE WAS ABOUT SEVEN YEARS OLD, WHEN HIS MOTHER GAVE HIM STAMPS AND LETTERS FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE OF HIS GRAND FATHER, WHO HAD HELD AN OFFICIAL POSITION IN HONG KONG.

As President of the United States, Mr. Roosevelt held a position which enabled him to add substantially to his collection and that he did so is proven by the contents of the 150 albums which have been assigned to M. R. Harner Inc. of New York, to be sold at six auction sessions on Feb. 1 and 5, April 1 and 2.

Almost as soon as he moved into the executive mansion, clerks in the State and other Departments which received large volumes of mail franked with high denominations of other lands, began saving them and sending parcels to the White House at intervals, because of his many public en-

This One Trails Ships

Details of two new German torpedoes, both in the production stage and almost ready for action when the war ended, are now in the possession of the British Naval authorities.

The torpedoes were discovered at Eckendorf, the German naval testing station in Schleswig-Holstein, and have just been examined by Admiralty experts.

More than 6,000 were found at this base. They are of the wireless-controlled and acoustic types.

The first, fired from a U-boat or shore station, is controlled through a thin strand of wire paid out from the stern. Electrical impulses travel along the wire to the steering apparatus until the target is hit.

The acoustic torpedo is attracted by sound waves emanating from its target. It is about 17ft. long, its warhead carrying 600lb. of high explosive.

It leaves no track to betray its course. As steering is entirely acoustic, any craft with its engines running attracts the weapon.

PATTERSON OFF

Washington, Dec. 31. Secretary of War Patterson left by airplane for inspection trip of American military commands around the world. He said he would confer with General MacArthur in Japan, General Wedemeyer in China, and General McNarney in Germany. Associated Press.

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Indexing The Individual

LONDON, DEC. 31.
THE PROCESS OF TABBING AND INDEXING THE INDIVIDUAL FROM CRADLE TO GRAVE WILL BE BROUGHT ONE HUGE STRIDE NEARER IF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUVENILE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, PUBLISHED RECENTLY, BECOMES LAW.

THE COMMITTEE, WHOSE CHAIRMAN IS SIR GODFREY INCE, PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, PROPOSES THAT EVERY CHILD LEAVING SCHOOL SHOULD BE COMPELLED TO TAKE "VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE" FROM THE JUVENILE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE IN THE PAST ATTENDANCE AT THE JUVENILE EMPLOYMENT BUREAU HAS BEEN VOLUNTARY.

It also recommends that a full record of a child's school career should be provided for scrutiny by officials of the service, who will use this record to determine a child's aptitudes for any particular kind of work.

"Some of us have had doubts on the desirability of submitting the whole record," says the report, and later on: "The fear was expressed that if a record including information of an unfavourable character, issued to the Juvenile Employment Service it might result in the juvenile being stigmatised for life."

But it was decided that a juvenile employment officer must have all the information about a child, favourable and unfavourable, so that he can give the best guidance "and advise wisely on planning."

The committee recommend that the following information about a child should be passed on:

Physical Qualities: General health, physique, any disabilities. Intelligence: Assessment may be by intelligence quotient (a method favoured in the U.S. Army) or by a general estimate under one of five heads: poor, below average, average, above average, outstanding.

TABBED ABILITIES

Educational Attainment: Type of course followed, stating also good, average, and poor subjects; certificates gained. Special Aptitudes (intellectual, practical, artistic, social, and physical): Qualities of disposition (self-reliance, friendliness, application, conscientiousness, initiative).

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Puritans

A new puritan group is at work in France, which provides common ground for young Catholics and young Communists, both of whom refuse to accept old ideas about the unchangeable human nature, says Reuter.

One example of this spirit was recently provided by a demand for the reduction of establishments selling alcoholic drinks.

Spain Feels Hurt And Angry

Madrid, Dec. 31.

The Spanish Government today charged that the Communists were responsible for the "campaign of defamation" which is being carried on against Spain.

The statement said that attempts were being made to "throw over the reputation of our Fatherland the unpopularity of a black legend."

The statement struck bitterly at Mexico but, in the main, was apparently directed against the recent French projected move for a conference with the United States and Britain regarding relations with Spain.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.
Any statement that the morale of U.S. Marines in China is low is false, Major-General Lemuel H. Shepherd said today, referring to reports appearing in the newspaper "Stars and Stripes" to the effect that the "morale of marines in North China was lousy."

The former commander of the 6th Marines, en route from Tsingtau to Washington said: "The Marines have a job to do in China and they want to do it. They are professional soldiers. There is still a great number of Japanese in Northern China who are still not disarmed. They must be repatriated."

"The Chinese nationalists have not the means to disarm or evacuate the Japanese," Associated Press.

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THE QUEUE HAS SPREAD TO THE "SITUATIONS WANTED" COLUMNS OF THE NEWSPAPERS. FASTER DEMOBILISATION HAS MEANT MORE APPLICANTS THAN JOBS. THE COMPANY COMMANDERS, THE SQUADRON LEADERS AND THE DESTROYER COMMANDERS ARE LOOKING AT INDUSTRY AND THINKING IN TERMS OF \$500 A YEAR AGAIN.

Most of the demobilised officers are getting jobs after some delay. Trading firms, anxious to export, are in need of executives for jobs in the \$500 to \$700 a year class, and most officers are willing to accept this salary.

A "People" reporter writes I sat in an office where hundreds of officers have filled in their names, business experience and requirements to accept this salary.

And the man who interviews them and listens to their stories is a general soldier in civilian clothes one of the biggest job-finders in Britain.

DIFFICULT AT 45
His title is Deputy Director of the Officers' Association (British Legion) Employment Bureau, and the office is Denison House, Vauxhall Bridge-rd., London, S.W.1.

"At present there are more applicants than jobs," he told me. "But we expect things to be much easier soon when the younger men come out. We have trouble fitting in the men of forty-five and fifty, particularly ex-regular officers."

"The average officer is willing to take a \$500 to \$700 a year job; occasionally we find someone who says: 'I got \$200 a year in the army and want it in civilian life.' 'Some officers are difficult to place. They are adaptable, willing to work, but they have to realise that there is a lot of difference in civilian conditions.'"

CARTER PATTERSON?

Washington, Dec. 31.
U.S. Secretary of War Patterson is scheduled to leave today on a round the world flight that will include conferences with American commanders in Germany, Japan and China.

The trip is scheduled to be completed on Jan. 24. His stops will include Guam, Tokyo, Korea, China, Philippines, India, Ceylon, and Germany.—Associated Press.

R.N. OFFICER, 38, due for release December, will take position requiring travelling. Married. In Navy five years.—Box . . .

THE QUEUE HAS SPREAD TO THE "SITUATIONS WANTED" COLUMNS OF THE NEWSPAPERS. FASTER DEMOBILISATION HAS MEANT MORE APPLICANTS THAN JOBS. THE COMPANY COMMANDERS, THE SQUADRON LEADERS AND THE DESTROYER COMMANDERS ARE LOOKING AT INDUSTRY AND THINKING IN TERMS OF \$500 A YEAR AGAIN.

Most of the demobilised officers are getting jobs after some delay. Trading firms, anxious to export, are in need of executives for jobs in the \$500 to \$700 a year class, and most officers are willing to accept this salary.

A "People" reporter writes I sat in an office where hundreds of officers have filled in their names, business experience and requirements to accept this salary.

And the man who interviews them and listens to their stories is a general soldier in civilian clothes one of the biggest job-finders in Britain.

DIFFICULT AT 45
His title is Deputy Director of the Officers' Association (British Legion) Employment Bureau, and the office is Denison House, Vauxhall Bridge-rd., London, S.W.1.

"At present there are more applicants than jobs," he told me. "But we expect things to be much easier soon when the younger men come out. We have trouble fitting in the men of forty-five and fifty, particularly ex-regular officers."

"The average officer is willing to take a \$500 to \$700 a year job; occasionally we find someone who says: 'I got \$200 a year in the army and want it in civilian life.' 'Some officers are difficult to place. They are adaptable, willing to work, but they have to realise that there is a lot of difference in civilian conditions.'"

BUYING A LITTLE HOME

I am going to eat with Hecla. What else may a simple little woman of 23 do? Thus I will bring my birthday to a close with gluttony. Thus I believe I shall have acted in accordance with his preference.

Feb. 18—Yesterday he came quite unexpectedly and it was a delightful evening. The picnic thing was that he is thinking about buying me a little house. I don't dare to think of it. It would be so wonderful.

March 4—I am again mortally unwell. I spent a few wonderful hours with him until 12 o'clock, then went to the ball with his permission. He has not been here

Byrnes May Broadcast On Moscow

Washington, Dec. 31.

Secretary of State James Byrnes has announced tentative plans to broadcast a report on the Foreign Ministers' Conference to the American people to-morrow. Byrnes will shortly after his arrival to report to President Truman who was aboard the Presidential yacht "Willamette" on the Potomac.

The President is working on two speeches his radio address to the people on the legislative programme next Thursday night and his "State of the Union" address to Congress after it reconvenes on January 14.

Byrnes told reporters that the Moscow conference was "most constructive and should make easier decisions on other matters in future."

Byrnes' plane was three hours behind schedule after running into bad weather over New England.

The State Department said it had not received any letter from France asking for additional explanation of the Moscow communiqué. Associated Press.

Byrnes Back From Moscow

Washington, Dec. 31.

American Secretary of State, James F. Byrnes, arrived from Moscow Saturday after his four-motored transport plane had battled winds and rain which prevented him from a scheduled stop at Portland, Maine.

The route from Moscow went through Naples, Casablanca, the Azores and Newfoundland because of adverse European weather.

A large crowd, including the British Ambassador, Lord Halifax, applauded Byrnes as he stepped from the plane wearing the same high, grey top-coat in which he arrived at Moscow on December 16, in a snow storm.—Associated Press.

ARABS SUFFER GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT

Cairo, Dec. 31.

The influential weekly newspaper "Al-Kabar el Youm" apparently regretting Arab claims for a voice in the disposition of the Italian colonies, said yesterday that failure of the Moscow Conference to invite the Arab states to the Peace Conference met with "great disappointment" in Arab official circles.

The newspaper said that official quarters were discussing whether to call a special session of the Arab League to urge Arab representations.—Associated Press.

Lover Hitler Did Not Keep Faith

BERLIN, DEC. 31.
A FRAGMENT OF THE DIARY OF EVA BRAUN (MRS. HITLER), BY HER OWN ADMISSION "MISTRESS OF GERMANY" AND THE WORLD'S GREATEST MAN, HAS BEEN FOUND WITH OTHER OF HER TREASURED POSSESSIONS ON A BAVARIAN ESTATE. IT REVEALS HER AGES AND PAINS OF LOVE'S UNCERTAINTIES, HER JEALOUSY OF STATE AFFAIRS AND OTHER WOMEN, INCLUDING FILM ACTRESS ANNY ONDRA, AND HER GREED AND AMBITION.

Written in pencil, in a slim volume, it covers the period from Feb. 6 (her birthday) to May 28 1935 when she was still working in Munich as assistant to Heinrich Hoffmann, Hitler's photographer. It opens:—

Feb. 6.—I guess to-day is the right day to begin this masterpiece. I have happily reached my 29th year. Whether or not I am happy is another question. Frau Schaub (wife of Hitler's adjutant) came with flowers as "ambassador." My whole office looks like a flower shop and smells like a mortuary.

Why doesn't the devil come and get me? I am sure it's nicer there than here. For three hours I stood outside the Carlton and had to watch while he bought flowers for Ondra (Anny Ondra, boxer Max Schmoller's wife) and invited her to supper.

When he says he loves me, he takes it about as seriously as his promises, which he never keeps.

May 10.—According to Frau Hoffmann's kind and equally tactless remarks, he now has a substitute for me. Her name is Walkure (German expression for a very buxom woman), and she looks it, including her legs. But these are the shaves that appeal to him.

May 23.—Just sent him a letter. One that is deplorable for me. If I do not get a reply by 10 p.m. I will take my 25 pills and lie down peacefully. Dear—God, please make it possible that I speak to him to-day.

BRIDGE NOTES

An inference drawn from the bidding gave South the clue to the winning play for his slam contract:

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable
S. K Q 10
H. Q 5 2
D. J 10 8 4
C. Q J 6

S. 6 4 3
H. 9 6
D. K 9
C. A 10 8 5

S. 7 2
H. J 10 8 4
D. 7 6 5 2
C. 7 4 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1S. 2C. 2S. Pass
3H. Pass 3NT. Pass
4D. Pass 4S. Pass
6S. Pass Pass Pass

West opened the Ace of Clubs and continued the suit, dummy winning with the Jack while South discarded the low diamond. Before continuing with the play, South did a little realistic thinking.

Whenever it seemed safe, he would be able to take another discard on dummy's Queen of clubs. If the hearts were going to break 3-3, he did not need a heart discard so should discard the Queen of diamonds. But if the hearts were not going to break, the slam might depend on a successful diamond finesse. But West's overall practically marked the location of the diamond King. West could hardly have made his overall with just a shabby club suit and not the slightest side strength.

Finally, South evolved a good campaign for the contract. He cashed the Queen and ten of trumps, then led the Queen of clubs, discarding the diamond Queen from his own hand. Next he led to the diamond Ace and returned to the dummy via the heart Queen. The next step was to cut a low diamond, and when West's diamond King dropped, the rest was easy. If the King of diamonds had not dropped, South intended to cash the top hearts before drawing the last trump. Then he would make the slam if the hearts broke 3-3, or if the last trump happened to be held by the defender who had four hearts.

Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnst not a partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

S. J 10 8 7 5 2
H. K 6
D. K 4
C. A 10 2

The bidding:
Burnstone Jacoby You Schenken
1D. Pass 1S. Pass
2S. Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid four spades. Even though your partner has a minimum opening bid his hand fits spades, and you have a fit for his diamonds. There should be an excellent play for game, so you should not risk missing it by bidding less than four spades.

Score 100 per cent. for four spades, 70 per cent. for three spades, 40 per cent. for two no-trump, 20 per cent. for three no-trump.

QUESTION

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

S. K J 9 7 3
H. 8 6 2
D. 10 4
C. 10 9 2

The bidding:
Schenken Burnstone You Jacoby
1D. Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer on Thursday).

OSMENA STILL IN

Manila, Dec. 31.

Jose Reyes, secretary to President Sergio Osmena, denied to-day a report that Osmena had withdrawn from the presidential race. Reyes said the president "is leaving the question of his candidacy to the convention of the Nationalista Party."

Some Manila newspapers speculated that Brig-Gen. Carlos Romulo, resident commissioner in Washington, might be drafted to run for vice-president on the ticket with Osmena.—Associated Press.

HARDLY THE WAY

Shanghai, Dec. 31.
The Japanese language "Reform Daily News," published mostly for informed Japanese awaiting repatriation, denounced to-day an appeal by 6,000 Japanese petitioners in the homeland that Lieut-Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita should be allowed to commit harikari. The newspaper said: "Such a samurai moral code should be wiped out. It can hardly be the way to a democratic Japan."

It said: "Legal technicalities can not and should not alter Yamashita's death sentence." Associated Press

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG

Medical Branch.
NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that all burials in the Public Cemetery at Saiwan-Cheung Chau (L. No. 1) dating from 1925 onwards, will be exhumed by the C.A.A. Medical Branch commencing 1st June, 1946. The remains so exhumed will be re-buried in an urn cemetery in Cheung Chau Island.

J. P. FEHILY,
D.D.M.S.

27th December, 1945.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG

NOTICE

Central Executive Branch
Telecommunications & Electrical Section.

Attention is directed to the following provisions of the Telecommunication Ordinance.

"No person shall, in any place in the Colony or on board any British ship registered in the Colony—establish, maintain, work or use a radio-communication station; or offer for sale, sell or have in his possession, whether with a view to sale or otherwise, any apparatus or material for radio-communication, except under and in accordance with a licence, sale permit or letter of exemption granted under this Ordinance."

"Radio-communication station" includes every apparatus or collection of apparatus which can be used for radio-communication or radiodistribution, whether for transmitting or receiving or for transmitting and receiving, and whether such apparatus or collection of apparatus be complete or not.

The provisions of this Part shall not apply to officers or men of His Majesty's Army, Royal Navy or Royal Air Force using wireless apparatus in the performance of their official duties or to apparatus so used."

Licences may be obtained on application from the Government Radio Office, G.P.O. Building, 1st Floor, as from 2nd January, 1946.

These include:—
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R. P. MORRIS,
Lt. Col.
S.O.I. C.A. (F. & E.)

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Opium Divan Raided

A well-dressed Chinese woman, Wu Pui-lan, and Ng Yin-sang, were charged before Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday with keeping an opium divan at No. 22, Li Yuen Street, East, second floor.

Both accused pleaded not guilty. Sub-inspector Fong, in the witness box, said that, by virtue of a warrant, he entered No. 22, Li Yuen Street, East, second floor, on December 30, and found three men smoking in the rear cubicle and three other men smoking in the sitting room. He seized three pipes and three lamps, and took accused to Central Police Station where they were charged.

First accused was fined \$400, and second accused \$200. Chan Kwan was fined \$400 or two months' imprisonment, when charged with keeping an opium divan at No. 14, Graham Street, third floor.

Chung Chung-po was given a similar sentence for the same offence at No. 16, Wing Wo Street, first floor.

The apparatus in all the cases was ordered to be confiscated.

RAW OPIUM CHARGE

A fine of \$350 or three months' hard labour was imposed on Lai King, married woman, by Mr. C. Y. Kwan yesterday, for having in her possession three and a half taels of raw opium.

According to Revenue Officer Ward, accused was stopped by a female searcher at the Lam Cheung Wharf at about 1:30 p.m. on December 30, and the opium was found in her pocket.

OPIUM FIND

Hidden under straw in a basket of live pigeons, ten taels of raw opium carried by Yui Ho, widow, was found by customs officers when she was leaving a train at the K.C.R. station. Charged before Mr. C. Y. Kwan yesterday, the accused woman said she was asked to bring the opium down by some one else. She was fined \$500 or 4 months' imprisonment with hard labour. R. O. Phillips associated.

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Uneasiness In Persia Increases

LONDON, DEC. 31. THE UNEASINESS IN PERSIA OVER THE SITUATION IN THE NORTHERN PROVINCES HAS BEEN INCREASED BY THE FACT THAT NO REPRESENTATIVES OF PERSIA WERE ALLOWED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE IN MOSCOW TO STATE THEIR CASE. SAYS THE TEHRAN CORRESPONDENT OF THE "OBSERVER."

THE TREATY OF 1942 GIVES PERSIA THE RIGHT TO BE HEARD WHEN HER AFFAIRS ARE BEING DISCUSSED BY THE BIG THREE POWERS, AND THE PERSIAN PREMIER AND FOREIGN MINISTER WERE ON THE POINT OF LEAVING FOR MOSCOW WHEN THE CONFERENCE WAS CALLED.

It was known to be Mr. Revin's hope when he left for Moscow that the Persian Ministers would be given a hearing. But they were not given facilities to make the journey from Teheran to Moscow.

Since almost all American forces have been withdrawn from Persia, Britain is virtually left alone to face the prospect of the breaking away of one or more of the provinces of the Persian state, possibly its complete dissolution.

The correspondent continues: "A further disquieting factor is that the extent of Russian claims in this region is unknown."

THE POSITION OF TURKEY is different in that the war of nerves has served neither to weaken the central government nor to create an "autonomous" movement in Kars and Ardahan, the areas which Russia is seeking to regain.

Indeed, the publicity given in the Russian press last May,

Gloucester "Boy" Sentenced

Chan Chuen, room boy employed by Major H. B. Williamson, B.A.C., was charged before Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday, with having by servant of clothing to the value of \$1,200 from Major Williamson's room, No. 817, Gloucester Hotel, on November 19.

According to C.S.I. Fong, accused had been in the service of Major Williamson since September 9, and had drawn \$300 in wages. On the evening of November 19, Major Williamson returned to his room and found the articles missing. Accused had absconded.

He was not arrested until December 28. He had sold the articles for \$200. His excuse for the theft was that his wife was about to have a child, and he needed money badly.

A guard said he was told he would receive no further wages after November 15, and, seeing that his master was not using the articles, he pawned them with the intention of redeeming them as soon as he could get money.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed.

LOOTERS SENTENCED

For unlawful possession of flower pots in Wongchukong Road, near Stubbs Road, Wan Yam was fined \$20 or seven days' imprisonment, by Mr. C. Y. Kwan yesterday.

Leung Cheung and Choi Hang were fined \$50 or two weeks' imprisonment, when found guilty of a similar offence.

They were arrested at 11:30 a.m. on December 30, in Gap Road by a Commando on patrol.

Chan Chiu and Cheung Kwong were sentenced to four weeks' hard labour for unlawful possession of two planks of wood in Wellington Street, near Pottinger Street.

C.S.I. Hui, of Central Police Station, prosecuted in all cases.

Threat

Frankfurt, Dec. 31. Because of the threat of food riots in Germany, the American military government has been compelled to divert some additional emergency army food stocks to German civilians in the United States-occupied zone, the army reported. The stocks include 40,000 tons of flour—Associated Press.

Arrest After Ring Fight

London, Dec. 31. A few minutes after Bert Hyland, Liverpool Irish boxer, had outpointed Ernie Koderick, British middle and welterweight champion, here last night, he was arrested by R.A.F. and civil police.

He is alleged to have been absent without leave from the R.A.F. since June.

The police arrived at the boxing stadium shortly before the fight, and at the request of Hyland they allowed him to go on with the contest. The police watched the fight and afterwards went to the dressing room and escorted Hyland to R.A.F. Headquarters.

He is being taken to day to the R.A.F. camp at Morecambe (Lancashire).—Reuter.

ALL RECORDS BROKEN

Chicago, Dec. 31. The past season's professional football broke all previous attendance records with a few short of 2,000,000 watching 68 games. It was an increase of 20 per cent over last year, which also was a record.

Green Bay, the 1934 champions who fell by the wayside this year, led all teams in attendance, setting a new record of 520,000 for 14 games. Associated Press.

Form Guide For To-Day's Races

The probable winners at to-day's races are hard to pick. Many of the ponies have seen before but never under jockey. The Happy Valley course is new to them, and ponies may not therefore run true to form.

Emperor is well in on the handicaps. Mayfair is a good horse and should be well ridden but will find it difficult to make up the extra ground. Mouse stands a good outside chance if he only starts more rapidly than he has done in his gallops. Billy has been doing well and therefore must be considered a danger. We are inclined to favour Mayfair but with Billy, Emperor and Star Dust in close attendances.

THE BENGHASI HANDICAP. Blue Bird is the best horse in this race but he has to give all others twenty yards or more. Prince at 70 yards stands a better chance. Blue Peter does not show much pace but is highly temperamental and may do well if the race is run to suit him. Even then he is not likely to win. We favour Prince.

THE DERNAL DERRBY. This is the big race of the day and should prove exciting. Autumn Rose and Sanel are the two best horses now in training. They start level and a big duel is anticipated. Rosalind will be well covered but 50 yards start on Autumn Rose may not be enough. Emperor is out of his class. Tony has done good time in his gallops. Jack Jones was not impressive. We think that Autumn Rose should win but will probably be hard pressed by Sanel.

THE HONG KONG DOLLARS. This China pony race over three furlongs may well prove the best race in the day. Tojo after his performance at Fanning when he won with ease will probably start favourite. As China pony he is in a class by himself compared with others now racing. Jeannie may, however, win with a 30 yards start on him. Mongolian Fox is also a danger. Tojo should again win with Mongolian Fox and Jeannie fighting out the places.

THE RANGOON PLATE. Nigger is a good horse and on

his form should be able to give Boley and Juniper the 10 yards start accorded to them. Lady Jane off stretch may well win if she is kept straight. This is the race in which we think a horse at scratch may win. If this occurs then Lady Jane should pass the post first.

TYRO. The attention of punters is drawn to the Note on Distance Handicapping contained on page 2 of the programme. Under these conditions no planning pony will run less than the distance stipulated for the event.

The Band of the Royal Marines of H.M.S. Duke of York will play during the afternoon.

PERRY IN FINAL

Santa Barbara, Calif., Dec. 31. Bobby Riggs and Fred Perry scored easy victories in the semi-finals of the Santa Barbara invitational professional tennis tournament yesterday and will meet in the finals for the title.—Associated Press.

Ensa Victims On Ferry

Pickpockets operating on the Star Ferry have picked upon two ENSA stars on consecutive days. A "China Mail" reporter and an Aberdeen Industrial School padre were robed in to form a posse on a ferry from Kowloon to Hong Kong shortly after noon yesterday.

ENSA's Jack McGlynn was out to catch his man and recover, if possible, a wallet with \$170 in it. Jack was certain that he could recognize the two hulk responsible.

He thought he knew the man in front who had engaged his attention and the one behind him. The wallet was in his hip-pocket and it was gone.

However, a close scrutiny of all the faces on board failed to identify the culprits.

On December 30, ENSA's Helen Brothers had a wrist watch picked out of her handbag while crossing the harbour.

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A DRY WORLD WANTS SCOTCH

Speyside (Scotland) Distillers are being bombarded with inquiries from all over the world for Scotch whisky but there is none for new buyers, and very little even for the Scots themselves.

A Speyside distiller said that he had just had two orders from abroad, one for 1,000,000 gallons for Persia and another for 30,000 gallons for Iraq.

"I could not let them have one gallon, let alone 1,000,000 and 30,000," he said.

"We are only allowed 47 per cent of the 1938 quota of grain for the manufacture of whisky. All our old customers are demanding supplies so that there is none to sell to new buyers."

Appropriate

Maidanek, Poland, Dec. 31. The German S.S. officer, Paul Hoffman, who was convicted of operating a crematorium at this former Nazi concentration camp, was hanged before a crowd of 20,000 persons.

The scaffold was erected amid crematoriums where Hoffman was accused of burning many bodies of Poles and other Allied prisoners of war. During the recent trial, witnesses testified that they saw Hoffman on several occasions toss newly born infants into the ovens. Associated Press.

Admiral Was Given Adequate Warning

WASHINGTON, DEC. 31

ADMIRAL HAROLD R. STARK, 1941 UNITED STATES CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS, TOLD THE CONGRESSIONAL PEARL HARBOR INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE TODAY THAT ADMIRAL HUSKIN AND KIMMEL, FLEET COMMANDER AT HAWAII, RECEIVED "ADEQUATE INFORMATION AND DIRECTIVES TO BE ON GUARD" PRIOR TO THE JAPANESE ATTACK ON DEC. 7.

Stark took the stand as the first witness after the Christmas recess. In a 25,000 word statement, the white-haired officer testified that early in 1941 he was "struggling" for President Roosevelt's approval to increase naval personnel. He reminded the committee that Congress had not approved all his earlier ideas for an increased fleet.

He also said:

1. He wrote Admiral Thomas C. Hart, Commander of the Far Eastern Fleet on Nov. 7, 1941, that "The Navy is already in the war in the Atlantic." American ships then were carrying supplies for Britain as far as Iceland.

2. On Nov. 25, he wrote Kimmel he had just talked with

President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull and "neither was surprised over a Japanese surprise attack."

Stark recalled that on Nov. 27 he sent the Fleet Commander a message saying: "This dispatch is to be considered a war warning. Negotiations with Japan looking toward stabilization of conditions in the Pacific have ceased. Execute appropriate defensive deployment preparatory to carrying out tasks assigned in war plan 46."

He said he never used the words "war warning" in any other dispatch and they were included in this instance to "accentuate the extreme gravity of the situation." Associated Press.

18 Months In Hadamar Camp

(By Godfrey H. P. Anderson).

HADAMAR, DEC. 31. LIKE SOME 40,000 BEFORE ME, I ENTERED THE HADAMAR MURDER FACTORY. BUT—UNLIKE THE 40,000—I CAME OUT AGAIN ALIVE. FOR 18 MONTHS FROM SEPTEMBER 1943 TO FEBRUARY 1945—I WATCHED THE "PATIENTS" ARRIVE AT HADAMAR ASYLUM AND PASS THROUGH THE DOUBLE WOODEN DOORS. THEY NEVER CAME OUT, BUT ALWAYS MORE ARRIVED.

I was a prisoner of war, confined with nearly 300 British and Dominion officers in a nearby Schloss, a few hundred yards across the valley from the grim, red brick hospital with its giant red crosses painted on the roof.

(Anderson, an Associated Press war correspondent, had been captured by the Germans in Africa). Each week a train pulled into the station below. Old men, old women, many of them feeble, clambered out. Sometimes there were children, too. White-coated doctors and nursemaids met them and helped the old folk up the hill. The wooden doors swung wide. They went inside. We never saw them again. We prisoners used to look about it. "They must be sleeping six in a bed by now," we used to say when another train arrived.

LOAD OF CORPSES

Then early one morning one of us noticed a little procession of stretcher-bearers going up the hill behind the hospital. At the top they bent to pull aside some planks. Then they tipped up the stretchers so their covered burdens slid from view. The stretcher-bearers hastened down the hill again.

We started to watch each morning as day broke over the valley. Always it was the same. Summer and winter, wet, fine or snow, the covered burdens were carried to the top to mass burials in mass graves.

I talked with the German guards. "You don't need to worry. They're lunatics," they used to say. "The German state kills them mercilessly. Their families are told: 'You don't need to worry. It's no concern of yours.'"

Six months almost to the day after my liberation by the American 1st Army and a few weeks after the Hadamar trial which sent the guilty to their judgment, I drove in a jeep to those grimly closed doors. I knocked and they opened. I walked inside.

A window in the inner wall shot up and a shaven head poked out. I demanded the Herr Direktor. The Herr Direktor was old and stooped, bald-headed, and he blinked at me a little scared through spectacles. I asked to see the hospital. "But certainly," he said.

WHITEWASHED CORRIDORS. We went through whitewashed corridors lined with green doors. The doors were locked. Each time he unlocked a door with one of his jangling bunch of keys, he waited for me to pass through, then locked it again behind me. We saw the men's ward and the women's. They were neat and clean, with whitewashed walls and vases of yellow flowers upon the scrubbed wood tables. Most of the patients looked dumbly happy. At least they had nothing to fear.

But in one ward a woman was crying and trying to beat her head against the door, while a nurse tried kindly but firmly to restrain her. In her, one saw all the tragedy that is Germany today. Crazy by bombing, her children dead, she cried and fought in mad delirium. "Acute neurasthenia," the Herr Direktor said.

Down in the cellars we went, down the narrow steps so many trod to death. The dark vaults held a chill horror which froze the heart and almost turned the stomach.

GAS CHAMBER. "This was the gas chamber," the Herr Direktor was saying. It was a small brick-walled room, perhaps 12 by eight feet. Broken gas pipes still jutted from its walls. The spaces where the gas-tight doors had been were now bricked up. The place was swept clean with German thoroughness. Nothing to show that thousands had suffered and died here.

Next door was the mortuary—two marble slabs, with running water, some jars of chemicals, surgical instruments.

We went through more cellars, where new piles of potatoes were neatly stored, and came to the furnace chamber. Here the bodies had been stacked for the ghastly holocaust which left behind no trace. Now even the ashes had been swept away. Only the two tall chimneys remained—chimneys which carried the smoke of burning bodies high above the hospital roof—and the iron benches on which the furnace doors were hung.

More jangling keys and we came out in the light again. "At first they used the gas chambers," the Herr Direktor was saying. "Then they began to use

injections—to experiment, you see. They did not always burn them. Sometimes they buried them, 15 or 20 together, at the top of the hill. Those were the ones you used to see each morning."

MENTAL EXPERT. As we toiled up that zigzag path I knew so well, the Herr Direktor told his story. He was Dr. Wilhelm—not Wilhelm, he said. "Altvater, a mental expert who had worked in various German asylums before the war."

"In 1941 I retired," he explained. "I disapproved most strongly of the experiments which the Nazis made us do to mental patients. I became quite ill worrying about it and sought permission to retire on pension. As I was old, they let me go. In May of this year, after the director of this hospital had been removed for trial, they called me back. Now I have 300 patients to care for. It is sad, but at least I am free to do my best for them again."

He said the orders for destruction of patients came from the Ministry of Interior in Berlin. There was a list and the names were marked off upon the doctors' personal order but they were forbidden to disclose that. The families were simply told the patients "died."

On the hilltop, overlooking this peaceful valley of the Westwall, yellow flowers were dancing in the wind upon the serried ranks of birches. A simple wooden post bearing a number was all there was to mark identity of who lay there. The numbers went up to 500.

"Of course there were many more in the mass graves," the Herr Direktor said. "Nobody knows how many. They say there were 40,000 Germans, and Poles and Russian workers. They left no record and no trace. Perhaps we shall never know."

CHILDREN'S CEMETERY. We went to the children's cemetery. Only one of the 13 graves bore a name. A big wooden cross cast its shadow across the earth mounds where the murdered infants lay.

I thought of the day, when from the tower window of the prison cell across the valley, I watched a boy make a last bid for life. It was mid-afternoon of a summer's day. He came running from the red brick hospital building, dodging like a wild thing among the apple trees. Three men followed him. The men carried guns. They didn't fire but they chased him to and fro in a chaotic game of hide-and-seek. In the end they caught him. They dragged him back, kicking and struggling, through those double doors.

Before I left that haunted valley, I looked in at the prison cell. A German truck driver was wandering through the rooms I knew so well.

Crates of empty soft drink bottles were stacked in the yard. The bombed ward had been torn down and the wooden sentry-towers demolished. German children, one with a Wehrmacht cap upon his flaxen head, were making a camp fire of the wooden barriers. "Allo," he cried as I passed by. "Got any rum, mister?"—Associated Press.

Canton Universities Greet U.S. Troops

CANTON, DEC. 31. CANTON UNIVERSITY STUDENTS SENT A NEW YEAR'S GREETING TO AMERICAN FORCES IN CHINA, THROUGH GENERAL WEDEMEYER, EXPRESSING THE BELIEF THAT "YOUR CONTINUED STAY IN CHINA IS NECESSARY TO ASSIST US IN WINNING THE PEACE."

Their expression was in contrast with opposition recently expressed by students at Kunming and by some pro-Communist organizations.

The students' message—and others in Canton decided to send similar ones—said:

"You came to China to help us in defeating a formidable enemy. This work was nobly advanced to a glorious conclusion. Nevertheless, your continued stay in China is necessary to assist us in winning the peace and in strengthening the position of this country, so that continuous peace will be assured

Loot

Munich, Dec. 31. More than 6,000 art treasures stolen from France by the Nazis and taken to Neuschwanstein Castle, near here, have been placed aboard two trains and are now on their way back to France.

The treasures have been packed into over 12,000 cases and consist in part of items belonging to the famous Rothschild collection.—Associated Press.

SNAGS IN CHINA

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criminations in the press are as acrimonious as ever.

The "New China Daily News," Chungking mouthpiece of the Chinese Communist Party, today repeated some of the demands which the Communists have made from time to time. These included an open election for the legalization of political parties and the release of political prisoners.

At the same time Communist spokesmen both at Yenan and Chungking have reiterated the old Communist demands for the establishment of a democratic coalition government and nationalization of the Chinese armies.

A Nationalist despatch to-day charged that the Communists have since the middle of this month been attacking Kufow, Shantung, birthplace of the great sage of China, Confucius, and asserted the Nationalist commander there had made a request for urgent dispatch of reinforcements. It said that 50,000 Communists were surrounding the "sacred city" and were trying to isolate it from the outside world.

A GOOD ONE

A Communist report alleged that over 6,000 fully armed Japanese troops were sent to the fronts north and south of Taiyuan, capital of Shansi, to participate in attacks against Communist forces. It said the Nationalists were treating these Japanese with "great respect" and giving them the pay of Chinese soldiers.

The Communists also reported another public trial of a war criminal.

They said that Ko Tien-ming, identified as a notorious traitor, who was at one time member of the Puppet North China Political Affairs Council, was executed on Dec. 15 in Hsiping province after being sentenced to death by a mass meeting of 10,000 persons before whom he was on trial.

Ko Tien-ming is alleged to have pleaded guilty to all charges against him.—Associated Press.

Threat Of Industrial War In U.S.

WASHINGTON, DEC. 31. THE UNITED AUTOMOBILE WORKERS UNION—C.I.O.—DECLARED YESTERDAY THAT GENERAL MOTORS MUST NEGOTIATE THE WAGE INCREASES BASED ON ITS ABILITY TO PAY OR "FACE A WINTER OF INDUSTRIAL WAR THAT MAY SPREAD TO ALL AMERICAN INDUSTRY."

GENERAL MOTORS, AT THE SAME TIME, SAID THAT THE IDEA OF ABILITY TO PAY "IS NOT APPLICABLE TO INDIVIDUAL BUSINESS WITHIN AN INDUSTRY AS A BASIS FOR RAISE IN WAGES BEYOND THE GOING RATE."

The statements were released as President Truman's fact-finding board ended its public hearing and promised a report to President Truman "as near as next Thursday as is humanly possible."

The President will broadcast his "report to the nation" on Thursday night and the labour situation will undoubtedly be one of the subjects he plans to cover.

The National Labour Relations Board, which supervises strikes votes, has announced it is without funds and is unable to take action on some 600 labour union requests for strike votes.

In New York, the Western Electric Association, an independent union, has set Jan. 3 as the date when 19,000 workers in New Jersey and New York City would walk off their jobs.

The President of the Telephone Workers Union has called upon President Truman to intervene, saying that a sympathy strike by 400,000 telephone workers throughout the United States was a possibility.

Both the Electric Company employees and motor car workers seek a wage increase of 30 per cent.—Associated Press.

Byrnes Warning On China Strife

WASHINGTON, DEC. 31.

SECRETARY OF STATE BYRNES TO-DAY DECLARED IN A RADIO REPORT TO THE NATION THAT THE NEW POLICY AND CONTROL MACHINERY FOR BEATEN JAPAN "SAFEGUARDS THE EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION" OF GENERAL MACARTHUR.

THE SECRETARY HELD OUT HOPES TO THE KOREANS THAT THE JOINT SOVIET-AMERICAN COMMISSION MAY FIND IT POSSIBLE TO DISPENSE WITH TRUSTESHIP.

He warned China that a nation divided by civil strife cannot take its rightful place among its allies and discharge properly its international responsibilities.

He stressed that the decision to set up a Commission and Council for Japan left the United States in her top policy-making role and would not hamstring the administrative powers of General MacArthur.

He said the United States "from the outset" had planned to make the control of Japan "an allied responsibility." He stated that the establishment of an 11-nation Commission with veto power reserved for the United States, Russia and China assured that no basic allied policy for Japan could be adopted without American concurrence.

He cited the provision for the United States to issue interim directives to General MacArthur "on all urgent matters" pending Commission agreement and said that only the following three subjects were excepted from this temporary power:

(1) Changes in the control of Japan as set forth in the surrender terms.

(2) Fundamental changes in the Japanese constitutional structure.

(3) Changes in the Japanese government as a whole.

ATOMIC CONTROL

Byrnes said that discussions on atomic energy was limited to the British and American proposal for the establishment by the United Nations of a Commission.

He declared: "At no time did we discuss any technical or scientific matters nor were we asked by the Soviet Government about the new weapon."

Byrnes said that the agreement under which a 21-nation peace conference will be called not later than May 1, 1946, meets the United States insistence that "all states which took active part in the war should participate in the peace."

He said he was not entirely satisfied with the agreements under which Rumania and Bulgaria will broaden their soviet commitments to gain United States and British recognition but hopes they will substantially improve the "democratic character" of those regimes and said he was not discouraged by failure to agree on Iran.—Associated Press.

Parity In C.N. Currency

Tientsin, Dec. 31.

Parity between Chinese national currency in the Shanghai, Chungking and Tientsin areas is almost complete, with both Nationalist and puppet money continuing to rise an average of 100 points a day. The puppet money still is used extensively.

Financial interests seem intent on cornering all possible United States currency. Most Chinese and foreign business concerns here now quote their selling prices in United States gold where possible.

But, it is said, the commodities continue their price increases to levels even higher than in America in some cases. Stocks are being depleted and new stocks are not forthcoming.—Associated Press.

RADIO

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1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Light Organ Music.

1.30 p.m.—Selections from G.B. Cochrane's Shows.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

5.00 p.m.—Variety.

5.30 p.m.—"Blytheville" Dance Orchestra.

6.00 p.m.—The Comedy Harmonists.

6.10 p.m.—Violin Solos by Albert Sandor.

6.30 p.m.—Sidney Torch at the Organ with Jackie Cooper and Pat Russell (Vocal)—ENSA.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.

7.15 p.m.—Vaughan—A Williams—Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis.

7.30 p.m.—Studio—Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor) accompanied at the Piano by E. O'Neill Shaw.

8.00 p.m.—New Mayfair Orchestra.

8.30 p.m.—Popular Old Variety Stars in a Programme of Their Well-known Items.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.

9.05 p.m.—"Music Time"—ENSA.

9.35 p.m.—Maurice Winick and His Orchestra—ENSA.

10.00 p.m.—Drinking Songs.

10.15 p.m.—Paul Robeson (Bass) & the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

10.45 p.m.—R.A.F. Symphony and Theatre Orchestra—ENSA.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

5.00 p.m.—Buddy Featherston—Sings and Swing Band—ENSA.

5.30 p.m.—"Musical Magazine"—ENSA.

6.00 p.m.—Compositions of Dvorak.

6.30 p.m.—Margaret Eaves (Soprano) and Tudor Davies (Tenor) in a Light Orchestral Concert.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.

7.15 p.m.—De Falla—"Three Corners Hat" Suite—New Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

7.30 p.m.—Studio—Harry Ore at the Piano.

7.55 p.m.—Violin Solo by Fritz Kreisler.

8.00 p.m.—Classical—Request Hour.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.

9.05 p.m.—Norman Allin (Bass) and the B.B.C. Wireless Military Band.

9.35 p.m.—Strauss—"Burleske"—Eilly Noy (Piano) and the Berlin State Opera Orchestra.

9.53 p.m.—Verdi's "Aida"—Act IV.

10.30 p.m.—London Symphony Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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